





**Faculty Member Contact Information**

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**1 Funded, 4-5 Unfunded URCA Assistants**

	This position is <b>ONLY</b> open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.	<b>M</b>
	This project deals with social justice issues.	
	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	
	This project deals with community outreach.	
	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	<b>I</b>

**Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?**

- Only similar fields

**How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?**

(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

- 9 hours

**Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?**

- Yes—PSYC 491 (1-3 credit hours)

**Location of research/creative activities:**

- Psychology Research Lab

**Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?**

Students will have the opportunity to design an experimental study that explores variables relating to different aspects of social media. Prior projects have explored the relationship between peer belongingness, loneliness and social media use, the relationship between narcissism and social media behaviors, and envy and social media behaviors. These projects are typically created for an online format but as more research is coming back to in-person, there will be chances to run in-person studies.

**Brief description of student responsibilities?**

Students conduct peer reviewed literature searches, write-up IRB applications, help with data collection procedures (i.e., in-person lab experiments, going into schools for data collection, creating online surveys), organize data sets (using SPSS, Qualtrics, etc.), and assist with running analysis for projects (analyzing and coding data in Qualtrics). Students will have the opportunity to submit and create conference posters, as well as assist on writing manuscripts.

**URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?**

Students will have learned more about their variable of interest in relation to social media, how to design a research project, analyze data and how to interpret what these findings mean.

**Requirements of Students**

**If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:**

- N/A

**If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?**

- N/A

**Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:**

- I require that my students have completed PSYC 220 and need to be currently in PSYC 221. Preference is for students who have completed both PSYC 220 and 221.

**Other requirements or notes to applicants:**

- N/A